



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
5TH. SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome to our All Age Communion Family Service. Thank you for joining us this morning. May God bless you as you share in this act of worship. There are toilet facilities at the back of the church

The Zoom details for this service are:

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Wearing your face masks is now optional. Thank you. As we gather and prepare to join in worship together, music is played on the organ.

Hymn: (Please stand if you are able)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,

evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Please sit

Greeting and Welcome

Good morning everyone. Today we will hear how Jesus helps a man who is deaf to hear and to speak more clearly. Let us think a bit more about listening and speaking out and helping others today...

Confession

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love and forgive us our sins. Let us pray, first in silence.

Silent Prayer

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our senses,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

God of love, open our ears to hear your word, and open our hearts that we may always speak up for what is right. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Reading - Mark 7:31-37

Jesus then left the neighborhood of Tyre and went on through Sidon to Lake Galilee, going by way of the territory of the Ten Towns. Some people brought him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged Jesus to place his hands on him. So Jesus took him off alone, away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, spat, and touched the man's tongue. Then Jesus looked up to heaven, gave a deep groan, and said to the man, "Ephphatha," which means, "Open up!"

At once the man was able to hear, his speech impediment was removed, and he began to talk

without any trouble. Then Jesus ordered the people not to speak of it to anyone; but the more he ordered them not to, the more they told it. And all who heard were completely amazed. “How well he does everything!” they exclaimed. “He even causes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak!”

This is the word of the Lord,
Praise to you, O God.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,

To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

Reflection

Prayers

We know that God always listens and hears us when we pray, and so we pray together...

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a voice of truth, speaking out against things that are wrong and standing up for what is right. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our brothers and sisters around the world: that they may be able to speak out, make their voices heard and make a change in their own communities. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may listen to others and speak out when we know that something is wrong, so all people have the chance to live a happy and healthy life, free from poverty. Lord, in your mercy...

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for world leaders as they try to find a just solution to the crisis in Afghanistan. May they ease the suffering and anxiety of the many people who are afraid for their lives and their futures.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the people of Haiti as they struggle to come to terms with the aftermath of the recent earthquake. May they find the support and the courage that they need to rebuild their lives.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all frontline workers who bring care to people who are elderly, sick or vulnerable in any way. May they experience hope and appreciation in their efforts to give dignity and support to others. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for families during this holiday season. May they be safe and filled with happiness in their time together.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all students and their teachers as they look towards the next academic year. May it be a time of sharing and growth towards a hope-filled future. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those recently departed: Sheila Sheath

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs this month:

Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Bridgland, Jamie Hiscock, Carolyn Horner, Pat Hodges, Ivy Fawcett, Michael Kilby, Iris Weeks, Peggy Richardson, Geoffrey Pynegar, Michael Wright, George Maskell, Olive Boulton, Michael Brown, Richard Thampson, James Little.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

God of all, give us the courage to stand up and make our voices heard, to speak out for a world where all people have the chance to live free from poverty. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

We share God's peace (Please stand if you are able)

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom.**
(Repeat)

Hymn: (Please remain standing if you are able)

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

**Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?

In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
(Refrain)

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
(Refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. (Refrain)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. (Refrain)

The bread and wine are placed on the altar.

The bread we offer which symbolises our work, becomes for us the Body of Christ. **Amen**

The wine we offer which symbolises our leisure, becomes for us the Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

We offer to God all that we are so we sing:

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer
now to you.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.**

**Knowing that I love and serve
you is enough reward.**

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer
now to you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God

**It is right to give him thanks
and praise**

**Why do we give thanks and
praise at this table?**

We give thanks for all that God
has done for us.

God the Father created the
heavens, the earth and everything
in them; and created us in his
own image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human
like us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather
us together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to
worship this God who loves

We say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory. Hosanna in the
highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before
Jesus our Saviour suffered and
died, he gave us this holy meal to
share and told us to continue it
until he comes again.

**Why do we eat bread together
at this table?**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We say:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer as we join with those watching and worshipping with us on Zoom

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above `all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Distribution of Communion

Please remain in your place. Communion will be brought to you. Please hold out your open hands and the sacrament will be gently dropped into them by the

Vicar in silence. This is the only way you are allowed to receive communion at present.

At this time of infectious disease, Communion is distributed IN ONE KIND ONLY. The Church of England, together with the whole Catholic Church, teaches that, in receiving in one kind, the entirety of the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood is received.

Hymn - while Communion is distributed

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt
praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,**

**within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest
rages,
save, lest we sink beneath the
waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we
pray,
that earthly joys may fade
away:
sweet Sacrament divine.**

Post- Communion Collect

**Lord God, the source of truth
and love, keep us faithful to the
apostles' teaching and
fellowship, united in prayer and
the breaking of bread, and one
in joy and simplicity of heart, in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

**God's grace go with you,
Christ's goodness be about you,
the Spirit's guidance lead you,
that you may walk in the way of
holiness, love and peace, and the
blessing....**

Notices

Hymn (please stand if you are able)

God is working this purpose out,
as year succeeds to year;
God is working this purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be:
when the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
where human feet have trod,
by the mouth of many
messengers
goes forth the voice of God:
“Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with
the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.”

Let us go forth in the strength of
God,
with the banner of Christ
unfurled,
that the light of the glorious
gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world.
Let us all fight with sorrow and
sin
to set the captives free,

that the earth may be filled with
the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed.
Vainly we hope for the harvest-
tide
till God gives life to the seed.
Yet nearer and nearer draws the
time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain
with us always.
**And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful
departed through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. **And rise in
glory. Amen.**

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